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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

- U.S. Patent No. 5,746,875 to Maydan et al., issued May 5, 1998;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,772,771 to Li et al., issued June 30, 1998; and
- U.S. Patent No. 6,013,155 to McMillin et al., issued January 11, 2000.

The information is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Continued examination is requested and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) accompanies the present submission.

The Li and McMillin patents were cited in the final Official Action dated February 24, 2003 but not listed on a PTO-892 form.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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